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2. PTO-1449 (2 pages);
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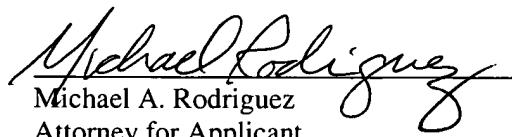
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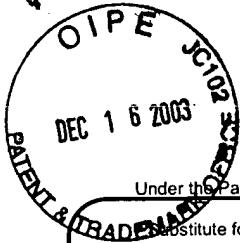
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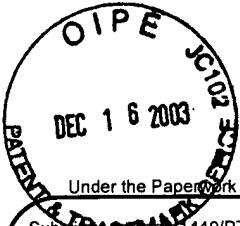
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	C1	CLARINS PARIS, "New Instant Light Perfecting Touch 'Beauty Band-Aid' Retail Driving Animation," undated, 1 pg	
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